



## How Our Cotton Comes Back to Us

Though the United States produces about two-thirds of all the cotton grown in the world it is a fact that Europe sells us every year, in ordinary times, more manufactured cotton goods than we ourselves export.

In the ten years preceeding the war we bought a yearly average of \$65,000,000 worth of cotton goods from foreign manufacturers, mostly English. To offset this we sold to other countries each year about \$44,000,000 worth, though only a small part of this went to Europe.

England, France and other countries buy their raw cotton from us, take it across the ocean, make it up into cloth, ship it back here and sell it in our markets at a profit, after paying two ocean freights.

This is a condition that deserves attention. It is a condition that could not, would not, exist if American mills were in position to compete on even terms with foreigners. The foreign manufacturer pays lower wages—and that is the whole story.

American mills will never make the goods which we now import until our tariff makers see fit, in the interest of American industry, to counterbalance this difference in wage costs.

Given such an aid as this, our mills will take care of all our domestic wants without prejudice to the American consumer.

The American Federation of Labor has voted in favor of a tariff which shall protect and foster American industry. Every American workman should feel the same way about a matter that so vitally concerns himself.

## We Grow the Cotton; We Ought to Make the Goods

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